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APPLICANT: FORSSMANN ET AL PCT

SERIAL NO.: 09/242,254 EXAMINER: A. SODERQUIST

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TITLE: A METHOD FOR DETECTING THE CONDITION OF AN ORGANISM  
THROUGH THE MEASUREMENT OF PEPTIDES

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(3)

ATTN: MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and  
Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to  
the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, for three months, from  
MARCH 18, 2003 to JUNE 18, 2003. Submitted herewith, under Rule  
17(a)(3), is a check in the amount of \$465.00 to cover the cost of  
the extension for a Small Entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any  
additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our  
Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

Respectfully submitted,

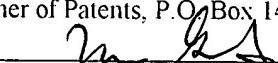
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